(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto and what steps have been taken by Government to bring home the facts to Amnesty International?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Amnesty International has, from time to time, been referring to the Ministry of Home Affairs, allegations of human rights violations in the State of Jammu & Kashmir. In these reports, allegations of a sweeping and generalised nature are frequently made which are found to be exaggerated and grossly distorted.

The large and complex problem of terrorism being faced by India, with support from across the border, is a well known fact. Organised terrorism has been consistently recognised in recent times as an activity aimed at the destruction of human rights, fundamental freedom and democracy, threatening the territorial integrity and security of States, in various fora. However, it is often noticed that reports of some Human Rights Organisations like Amnesty International for reasons not known, underplay such large scale organised terrorism and do not bring out adequately the dimension of atrocities being perpetrated by militants and terrorists. Government has, from time to time, conveyed regrets to these Human Rights Organisations in relation to reports and mentions on India containing inaccurate or distorted facts and to their tendency to gloss over the violations of human rights by terrorists through depredations perpetreted by them on innocent civilians.

Visit of Jails by NHRC

458. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission visited some of the jails in the country and found them filthy, dirty and unfit for lodging human beings therein; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The National Human Rights Commission visited some of the Jails during the course of its visits to the State of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. One of the Members of the Commission visited Tihar Jail. The Commission has held discussions with the Chief Ministers|Officials of the States visited about the conditions in the Jails etc. However, no specific reports have been made by the Commission.

ISI activists|Bangladeshi infiltrators in Uttar Pradesh

459. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISI activities are on the increase particularly in Western Uttar Pradesh and the situation has come to such a pass where even women of doubtful entity have Government employment in schools in Uttar Pradesh on bogus documents:

(b) whether a large number of Bangladeshi infiltrators have been nabbed in NOIDA recently; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to identify the ISI activists and Bangladeshi infiltrators in Uttar Pradesh and to book them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Government is not aware of any increase in the activities of Pak ISI in

Western Uttar Pradesh. Instances of ISI sponsored activities have been coming to notice even in the past. However it has come to notice that a number of Bangladeshi nationals are reportedly staying illegally in District Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh. In the month of February, '95, some Bangladeshi nationals have been apprehended in NOIDA. The District authorities have been instructed to keep a close watch for apprehending Bangladeshi nationals by the State Government. As far as women of doubtful entity having Government employment in schools, the Uttar Pradesh Government has been asked to furnish information. This shall be placed before the House.

Detentions in Kashmir under TADA

460. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons detained under Terrorists and Disruptive Activities Act in Jammu and Kashmir and in Union Territories for terrorist activities as on 1st January, 1995; and those detained under the Act for activities not connected with terrorism; and

(b) whether these cases have since been re-examined, if so, how many of them have been released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Since law and order is a state subject, the provisions of the Act are invoked by the States/UTs in the light of the local conditions. The Govt. have been reiterating to the States/UTs that the provisions of the Act may be invoked only in cases of hard core terrorists and disruptionists and not against those for whom normal laws of the land are adequate. This Ministry does not maintain information regarding number of persons arrested under TADA for terrorists activities and non-terrorist activities.

Investigation into explosion in Rajdhani Express Trains

461. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Abu Bagar, one of the prime accused in series of explosion in Rajdhani Express trains in December, 1993 was released as neither the CBI nor the IB were inclined to continue investigation after his arrest; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for discontinuing the investigations into the explosions in Rajdhani Express trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Communal riots in the country

462. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many time the communal riots broke out in the country during 1994, as against those in 1993;

(b) what are the names of the States in which such riots broke out in 1994 stating the number of persons killed and the estimated loss of public and private property; and

(c) what has been the Central Government's role in dealing with communal riots and in checking communal violence in various parts of the country?